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1. An edible greeting card suitable for ingestion by a pet comprising:  
 a substantially rigid edible panel suitable for ingestion by a pet, the  
 substantially rigid edible panel having a thickness, a perimeter, a front surface and  
 a back surface;  
 at least one message region being positioned on the front surface and/or  
 back surface of the substantially rigid edible panel and within the perimeter of the  
 substantially rigid edible panel;  
 at least one edible message suitable for ingestion by the pet, the edible  
 message having a plurality of characters, each character being sufficiently large so  
 as to be perceived visually by humans without assistance, the message region being  
 configured so as to permit the placement thereupon of the characters of the edible  
 message;  
 means for positioning the substantially rigid edible panel in the vicinity of  
 the pet so that the pet may ingest the substantially rigid edible panel and edible  
 message,  
 whereby at least one edible message is visible from the point of view of the  
 pet.

1 *A* 2. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 1, wherein the edible  
 2 message is directed to the pet. *at least one*

Sub a2> 1 3. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means  
2 for positioning the substantially rigid edible panel in the vicinity of the pet  
3 comprises a wire having two ends, the wire enclosed in a portion of the  
4 substantially rigid edible panel, the ends of the wire extending exteriorly of the  
5 substantially rigid edible panel so that the wire may be attached to at least one  
6 substantially rigid projecting member in the vicinity of the pet, at least one edible  
7 message being visibly displayed thereupon.

1 4. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means  
2 for positioning the substantially rigid edible panel in the vicinity of the pet  
3 comprises a supporting section positioned along the perimeter of the substantially  
4 rigid edible panel, the supporting section having a thickness equal to or greater than  
5 the thickness of the substantially rigid edible panel, the substantially rigid edible  
6 panel being supportable upon at least one supporting section on a substantially  
7 horizontal surface, at least one edible message being visibly displayed thereupon.

1 5. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
2 substantially rigid edible panel includes calcium sulfate.

1 6. An edible greeting card as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
2 substantially rigid edible panel includes alfalfa.

1 7. The edible pet greeting card as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
2 substantially rigid edible panel includes wheat.

1 8. The edible pet greeting card as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
2 substantially rigid edible panel includes corn.

1 9. The edible pet greeting card as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
2 substantially rigid edible panel includes dehydrated carrots.

1 10. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
2 substantially rigid edible panel includes oats and molasses.

1 11. An edible greeting card suitable for ingestion by a pet comprising:  
2 a substantially rigid edible panel suitable for ingestion by a pet, the  
3 substantially rigid edible panel having a thickness, a perimeter, a front surface and  
4 a back surface;  
5 at least one message region being positioned on the front surface and/or  
6 back surface of the substantially rigid edible panel and within the perimeter of the  
7 substantially rigid edible panel;  
8 means for creating an edible message suitable for ingestion by the pet, the  
9 edible message having a plurality of characters, each character being sufficiently  
10 large so as to be perceived visually by humans without assistance, the message

11 region being configured so as to permit the placement thereupon of the characters  
12 of the edible message;

13 means for positioning the substantially rigid edible panel in the vicinity of  
14 the pet so that the pet may ingest the substantially rigid edible panel;

15 whereby at least one edible message is visible from the point of view of the  
16 pet.

1 12. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 11, wherein the edible  
2 message is directed to the pet.

1 13. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 11, the means for  
2 creating an edible message relating to a pet comprising a marker containing a  
3 quantity of edible ink sufficient to create an edible message.

1 14. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 11, wherein the means  
2 for positioning the substantially rigid edible panel in the vicinity of the pet  
3 comprises a wire having two ends, the wire enclosed in a portion of the  
4 substantially rigid edible panel and the ends of the wire extending exteriorly of the  
5 substantially rigid edible panel sufficiently so that the wire may be attached to at  
6 least one substantially rigid projecting member in the vicinity of the pet, at least  
7 one edible message being visibly displayed thereupon.

1 15. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 11, wherein the means  
 2 for positioning the substantially rigid edible panel in the vicinity of the pet  
 3 comprises at least one supporting section positioned along and attached to the  
 4 perimeter of the substantially rigid edible panel, the substantially rigid edible panel  
 5 being supportable upon at least one supporting section on a substantially horizontal  
 6 surface so that the center of gravity of the substantially rigid edible panel is  
 7 positioned above the horizontal surface, at least one edible message being visibly  
 8 displayed thereupon.

1 16. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 11, wherein the  
 2 substantially rigid edible panel includes calcium sulfate.

1 17. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 11, wherein the  
 2 substantially rigid edible panel includes corn.

1 18. <sup>The</sup> ~~An~~ edible greeting card <sup>of claim 1 further</sup> ~~suitable for ingestion by a pet~~ comprising:  
 2 at least two substantially rigid edible panels, <sup>3</sup> ~~each panel suitable for~~  
 3 ~~ingestion by a pet and having a thickness, a perimeter, a front surface and a back~~  
 4 ~~surface;~~  
 5 at least one message region being positioned on the front surface and/or  
 6 back surface of at least one substantially rigid edible panel and within the perimeter  
 7 the substantially rigid edible panel;

8 ~~at least one edible message suitable for ingestion by the pet, the edible~~  
 9 ~~message having a plurality of characters, each character being sufficiently large so~~  
 10 ~~as to be perceived visually by humans without assistance; the edible message being~~  
 11 ~~positioned within at least one message region on the front surface and/or back~~  
 12 ~~surface of at least one substantially rigid edible panel, each message region being~~  
 13 ~~configured so as to permit the placement thereupon of at least one edible message,~~

14 edible joining means suitable for ingestion by the pet for joining one  
 15 substantially rigid edible panel to at least one other substantially rigid edible panel,

16 and  
 17 means for positioning the joined substantially rigid edible panels in the  
 18 vicinity of the pet so that the pet may ingest the substantially rigid edible panels and  
 19 edible message;

20 whereby at least one edible message is visible from the point of view of the  
 21 ~~pet.~~

1 <sup>3</sup> 19. The edible greeting card of claim <sup>2</sup> 18, wherein at least two  
 2 substantially rigid edible panels further include a plurality of holes for joining, the  
 3 edible joining means comprising a flexible rawhide strip threaded through the holes  
 4 of the substantially rigid edible panels.

1 20. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 18, wherein the means  
 2 for positioning the substantially rigid edible panel in the vicinity of the pet  
 3 comprises at least one supporting section positioned along and attached to the

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4 perimeter of at least one substantially rigid edible panel, the joined substantially  
5 rigid edible panels being supportable upon at least one supporting section on a  
6 substantially horizontal surface so that the center of gravity of the joined  
7 substantially rigid edible panels is positioned above the horizontal surface.

1 21. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 19, the supporting  
2 section having a thickness equal to or greater than the thickness of the substantially  
3 rigid edible panel to which it is attached.

1 22. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 18, wherein the  
2 substantially rigid edible panel includes rawhide.

1 23. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 18, wherein the  
2 substantially rigid edible panel includes calcium sulfate.

1 24. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 18, wherein at least one  
2 edible message is positioned on edible film, the edible film being placed on the  
3 message region.

1 25. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 18, wherein the  
2 substantially rigid edible panel includes oats.

1 26. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 18, wherein the  
2 substantially rigid edible panel includes catnip.

1 27. The edible greeting card as claimed in claim 18, wherein the  
2 substantially rigid edible panel includes corn.